



Parole Hearing
Under section 21(1) of the Parole Act 2002

Stephen James BORLASE

Hearing:	7 December 2018 at Northland Region Corrections Facility
Members of the Board:	Judge E Paul – Panel Convenor Mr D Hauraki Ms S Pakura
Counsel:	Mr S Lack
Support Persons:	[withheld] [withheld]

DECISION OF THE BOARD

1. Stephen Borlase, aged 54, appears for a first parole hearing on a five and half year jail sentence for significant corruption and bribery offending. His sentence commenced in February 2017. He becomes eligible for release on parole on the 23rd of this month. His sentence end date is not until 24 August 2022.
2. He is currently minimum security with a low RoC*RoI of.06275. He is represented at this hearing by his counsel, Mr Lack. He is supported by [withheld].
3. The parole assessment report tells us he has no identified programmes given his very low RoC*RoI score. He has a release proposal to [withheld]. He has the support of his extended family.
4. He has been a compliant prisoner and engaged in all activities offered to him in the prison setting. He is currently employed within the kitchen. In terms of his future employment there are legal restrictions on him which will not permit him to act as a company director. He cannot act as an engineer as he is subject to disciplinary action. One cannot also ignore the fact that his offending attracted significant media attention and his name is certainly in the public arena. Finally, in terms of any risk, conditions can mitigate against that. Having said all that Mr Borlase has been reflective while in prison.

He has prepared a release proposal. He has also prepared a safety plan which is consistent with the restrictions that are already in place for him and is consistent with the restrictions the Board can also impose to ensure he does not place himself in a position where he can engage in serious corruption and bribery ever again in the future.

5. Certainly, counsel supports his release on parole now given all those preceding factors. We observe that as a result of his offending and incarceration Mr Borlase's immediate family have suffered as a result. [withheld]. However, he still enjoys his wife and immediate family support.
6. For today we are satisfied Mr Borlase is not an undue risk to the safety of the community. Any risk he presents can be addressed by appropriate special conditions. Accordingly, he is to be released from prison on [withheld] December 2018. He will be subject to the general conditions. He will be subject to the special conditions through until his sentence end date 21 August 2022. Those special conditions follow:
 - (1) To obtain the written approval of a Probation Officer before starting or changing your position and/or place of employment (including voluntary and unpaid work). To notify a Probation Officer if you leave your position of employment.
 - (2) Not to engage in any employment, business or voluntary work involving tendering, pricing or quoting without the prior written approval of your Probation Officer.
 - (3) Not to communicate or associate with your co-offender Murray John Noone directly or indirectly, unless you have the prior written approval of a Probation Officer.
 - (4) To attend any other assessment and subsequent treatment, programme or counselling, as recommended by the assessment if directed by your Probation Officer.
 - (5) To reside at [withheld] or any other address approved in writing by a Probation Officer, and not move from that address unless you have the prior written approval of a Probation Officer.
 - (6) Not to engage or contact media sources following release on parole.